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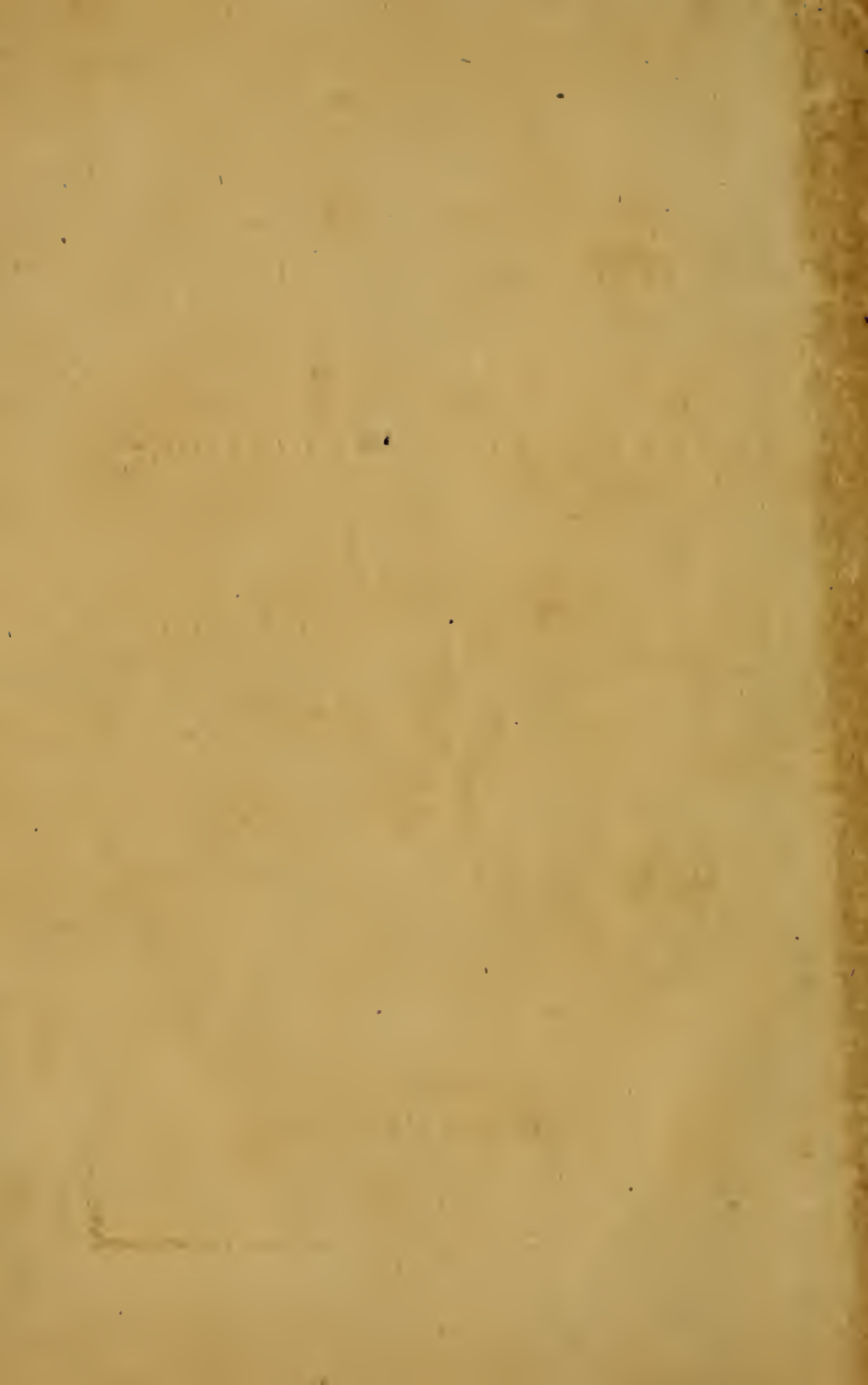
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NEWTON, DALE COUNTY, ALA., Oct. 6th, 1860.

THE JUDSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION convened for its tenth annual session, with Newton Church, Dale county, Ala., Oct. 6th, 1860.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Daniel Cumble, from 2nd Corinthians, 5th chap. and 20th verse:

"Now then we are ambassadors for Christ."

After an hour and a half recess, the delegates, at 2 o'clock, re-assembled in the church, and were called to order by Elder J. B. Taylor, the former Moderator. The former Clerk being absent, on motion of Bro. Ward, Bro. E. Brooks was chosen to act as Clerk *pro. tem.* Prayer by Elder W. B. Lacy.

The Moderator called for the letters from the different Churches composing this Association, which were presented and read. After which the body proceeded to the election of its regular officers by ballot, which resulted in the choice of Elder E. Cody, Moderator, and E. Brooks, Clerk.

On motion of Bro. Taylor, petitionary letters were called for, when letters from Clintonville, Shorterville and Pleasant Plains churches were presented, asking admittance into this body, which were read, and on motion, they were received into the body, the Moderator, giving their delegates the right hand of fellowship.

Called for correspondents from sister Associations, when the following named brethren presented themselves, and were cordially invited to seats in the body, viz:

From the West Florida; W. B. Lacy, Joseph A. Collier, and I. Washburn.

From the Eufaula; Brother John Martin.

From the Zion; Elder Middleton Brooks.

Ministers of our faith and order invited to seats with us. The roll was then called and corrections made.

The Report of the Committee on Missions was read, and on motion, its consideration was postponed until Monday morning.

The Moderator announced the following Committees:

*On Preaching*: Brethren Wm. H. Ward, W. W. Smith, P. D. Sanders, with the Delegates from the Newton church.

*On Missions*: J. B. Taylor, Wm. A. Cumbe and M. R. Howell.

*On Periodicals*: Z. Harris, E. J. Hays and A. McGee.

*On Documents*: Wm. P. Bryan, D. Whiddon and Curtis Byrd.

*On Decease of Ministers*: Wm. M. Howell, T. J. Baten, H. McMath.

*On Nominations*: J. Pounney, Y. G. Malone and G. B. Clark.

*On Finance*: G. W. Williams, S. T. Knight and A. R. Rountree.

SABBATH, October 7th, 1860.

Religious exercises at the Baptist and Methodist houses of worship, and Missionary Sermons preached by Elders J. B. Taylor and E. Cody, after which collections were taken up amounting to \$30,60. At 2 o'clock Elder Wm. B. Lacy preached at the Baptist church, and Elder Z. Knowles at the Methodist; and at night, Elder Andrew Cumbe at the Baptist church, to large and attentive congregations.

MONDAY MORNING, Oct. 8, 1860.

The body met according to adjournment, and proceeded to business after prayer by Elder Wm. P. Bryan.

The roll was called and all necessary corrections made.

On motion, the minutes of Saturday and Sabbath were called for, read and adopted.

Called for the report of the Executive Committee, which was read, and on motion, adopted.

[See Appendix A.]

Called for the report on Missions; on motion, the report was read; on motion, the body adjourned to hear the Educational Sermon.

At 11 o'clock, Elder C. Smith preached the Educational Sermon, to a large and attentive audience, from 2nd Timothy, 2nd chap. and 15th verse:

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock the body met. Prayer by Elder E. Cody.

On motion of Bro. J. B. Taylor, the regular order of business was suspended to take up the appointment of Corresponding Delegates to our sister Associations, when the following named Brethren were appointed:

To the West Florida, to convene at Campbellton, Florida, Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in Oct., 1860; E. Cody, E. J. Hays, Wm. M. Howell, D. D. Blewitt, H. McMath, Moses Jones, E. Brooks, I. Mendheim, H. Davis, and James Poiner.



To the Bethel, Ga., to commence on Saturday before the 1st Sabbath in November, 1860; Wm. M. Howell, R. W. Davis, E. Cody, Wm. A. Cumbie, and H. Gissendanner.

To the Eufaula, to convene at Bethlehem Church, on Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in Sept., 1861; I. Mendheim, L. B. Brown, E. Cody, Wm. H. Ward, E. Brooks, Moses Jones, Z. Harris, D. Whitton, and R. H. Whitton.

To the Tuskegee Association, to meet on Saturday before the 1st Sabbath in September, 1861; Elders J. B. Taylor and E. Cody.

The report on Missions were again taken up, and on motion, adopted. [See Appendix B.]

Called for the report of the Committee on Periodicals; report read, and on motion, adopted. [See Appendix C.]

Called for the report on Decease of Ministers; report read, and on motion, adopted. [See Appendix D.]

Called for the report of the Committee on Nominations; report read, and on motion, adopted.

Called for the report of Committee on Finance and Treasurer; report read, and on motion, adopted. [See Appendix E.]

On motion, the report of Committee on Nominations, was re-considered, and the report referred back to the Committee.

Called for the report of Committee on Documents; the report was read, and on motion, adopted. [See Appendix F.]

On motion, a call was made for Church pledges for the support of Home Mission, which amounted to.....\$97 50  
do. for individual pledges, which amounted to..... 113,00

Called for the report of the Committee that were appointed by the last Association to labor with the Clopton and Shiloh churches, to endeavor to settle the difficulty existing between the above named churches; when, on motion of Bro. Ward, the above named Committee were discharged without making any report, when the body adjourned until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

At night Elder Wm. A. Cumbie preached from Luke, 19th chap. and 10th verse: "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost," to a large and attentive audience.

TUESDAY MORNING, Oct. 9th.

According to adjournment the delegates met at the church. Prayer by Elder E. Cody.

The roll was called, and absentees marked, and corrections made.

Called for the report which was referred back to the Executive Committee, which was read, and on motion, adopted. [See Appendix G.]

On motion of Bro. Rountree, it was ordered that the Constitution, Decorum, and Articles of Faith of this Association, be inserted in these minutes.

On motion of Elder Wm. M. Howell, it was ordered that one thousand copies of these minutes be printed and distributed among the different churches composing the Judson Association, and that the Clerk receive \$40,00 for his services. On motion,

*Resolved*, That this body hold their next Annual Session, commencing on Saturday before the 1st Sabbath in October, 1861.

On motion of Bro. Z. Harris, it was agreed that the funds on hand, in possession of the Treasurer, for the education of Bro. Wm. A. Cumbie, be turned over to Brother Cumbie, and that a Committee of one, from each church composing this body, be requested to raise all the funds that they can from their respective churches, for the education of Bro. Wm. A. Cumbie, and return the same to the Executive Committee; the same Committee that was appointed by the last Association for that purpose to be continued.

On motion, the Clerk was directed to prepare a general Corresponding Letter, to be printed with these minutes.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed, whose duty it shall be to report the condition of churches not represented in this body, and the cause of their not being represented, and also to assist, if the church desire it, in settling difficulties in any church not represented; the committee to consist of Brethren E. Cody, Z. Harris, J. H. Metcalf, H. McMath and D. B. Blewett.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this body be tendered to the brethren and friends, in and about Newton, for the kind and generous hospitality with which they have entertained the members of the Association during its present session.

And be it, further

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this body be tendered to our Methodist brethren, for the use of their house of worship during the present session of the Association.

*Resolved*, That this body hold her next session with the Judson Church, Henry county, Alabama, commencing on Saturday before the 1st Sabbath in October, 1861.

The farewell Sermon was preached by Elder Z. Harris, from Acts, 20th chap. and 32nd verse:

"And now brethren, I commend you to God, and the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified."

After which, with hearts filled with emotion, we took an affectionate farewell of each other.

E. BROOKS, Clerk,  
Daleville, Dale co., Ala.

E. CODY, Moderator,  
Henry co., Alabama.



# APPENDIX.

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## Report of the Executive Committee of the Judson Baptist Association, for the year, 1860.

[A.]

Your Executive Committee respectfully report: That in the discharge of the duty assigned them, they entered into contract with Bro. Middleton Brooks, on the 19th day of January, A. D., 1860. in writing, to commence immediately upon the Missionary work, within the bounds of the Association, and to continue in said work until the time of the Association, at the rate of one hundred and fifty dollars for each quarter so employed. The original of said contract is herewith returned to your body. For the first two quarters of said service your Committee have paid Bro. Brooks. and the present quarter is the only one yet remaining unpaid for.

In view of the destitution in the southern part of our bounds, we deemed it proper to confine our missionary operations within that section, and are now satisfied, from the blessing which has attended his labors there, that the way was marked out by God for usefulness. The scattered ones who professed the name of Jesus, and who were without organization or home in the church, were brought together, and two new churches established within those bounds, where, as well as at other churches and places, the Spirit has been manifested in the conversion of souls.

Of all his work Bro. Brooks has made to us quarterly reports, which may be summed up, as follows:

Whole time spent in the work.....	215 days.
Received into churches by Baptism.....	28
“ by Letter.....	8

Assisted in the ordination of two Ministers and one Deacon;

Re-Organized one church;

Preached one hundred and fifty-nine sermons.

In view of the change in the condition of the church in the South-eastern part of the Association, by the establishment of new churches, and the increase of membership in others, the purely mission bounds for the destitute is now narrowed to a small space, and while your Committee would still urge the propriety of continued efforts, they would recommend that in future, while making provision for destitute localities, the missionary shall labor from time to time among the churches, equalizing his labors, as far as possible, and urging upon them extended effort and urgent prayer for the salvation of souls.

Our Book operations have been limited in consequence of want of colporteurs, and we have purchased none but the Bibles and Hymn Books, which seemed especially required by the wants of the Association, as expressed at its last session. The character of the works now on hand would indicate the propriety of their sale at such depots as could with propriety be made, rather than engaging the services of a Colporteur, while works of a smaller size, and cheaper character, could be purchased for sale by the Missionary, without interfering with his mission work.

Herewith we return to your body the reports made by Bro. Brooks of his work.

J. B. TAYLOR,  
G. W. WILLIAMS,  
T. CHAMBERS,  
M. B. GREEN,  
C. V. MORRIS.

## Report of Committee on Home and Foreign Missions.

[B.]

Your Committee on Home and Foreign Missions, beg leave to report, as follows: A brief report cannot combine all that pertains to this great work. All that we can say is, that with the limited means afforded much has been done, but there is remaining much more to be done. Owing to the pressing demand at home, and a want of means, nothing has been done for Foreign Missions. The Home Mission, by the untiring efforts of our Home Missionary, Bro. Middleton Brooks, has proved wonderfully successful, as his report will show. We are sorry that we can say no more of successful labors. The field is large, and white for harvest—the laborers are few—and we urge that prayer be made to the Lord of the harvest, that he send more laborers, and that he may put it into the hearts of his servants to do more in this great cause. We think one great reason why more has not been done, is this: Baptists, generally, are not well enough instructed from the pulpit. God has said, “My people shall be a willing people.” We believe Baptists are his people, and when they know their duty they do not refuse to perform it. Be it, therefore,

*Resolved*, That we urge upon our ministering brethren, to teach and press to the hearts and consciences of the brethren, in their respective churches, the importance of *Christian duty*.

*Resolved, further*, That the Home and Foreign Journal be extensively circulated.

*Resolved, further*, That special prayer be made to God for the success of missions.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CASWELL SMITH, Chairman.

## Report of Committee on Periodicals.

[C.]

The Committee on Periodicals report, that in the present state of the denomination and denominational literature, they feel it difficult, rightly, to discharge the duties you have imposed upon them. At an earlier period in our history there was great necessity for the labors of such a Committee, both to point out the merits of our Periodicals, and urge their claims upon the hearts of the denomination. But, now, in every part of our land, the press is busy, and able, learned, and vigorous writers are engaged in the dissemination and discussion of religious truths.

We rejoice now, to say, that the bitterness which for a time characterized some of the discussions which were carried on, by our denominational press, so painful to the christian heart, have in a great measure passed away, and the spirit of peace seems now about to have its sway, and discussions to be conducted with that spirit, which is calculated to elicit truth. Such discussions, open, bold, manly and fair, are to be desired and not deprecated, and we hail alike the prospects of its return, and the Evangelical character of the doctrine which takes the place of acrimonious discussions, appealing to the hearts and lives of saints and sinners.

To distinguish the respective merits of our various Periodicals would be invidious, and your Committee think our brethren sufficiently informed to be able to make wise choices for the benefit of themselves, and the advancement of the Redeemer's cause.

Respectfully submitted,

Z. HARRIS, Chairman.

## Report of Committee on Decease of Ministers.

[D.]

Your Committee on Decease of Ministers report, as follows: That we have great reason to thank God for his preserving care over the Ministers in the bounds of our Association, during the past year. Having carefully inquired, we find that death has visited none of our ministers, but that they have all been spared to their flocks; for which blessing, we recommends thanks to Almighty God.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. HOWELL, Chairman.

## Report of Committee on Finance.

[E.]

The Committee on Finance beg leave to make the following report:

Amount collected on Sabbath,.....	\$30.00
" " for Associational Purposes,.....	268.35
" " " Minutes,.....	43.30
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" " " Indian Mission,.....	\$342.25
	75.00
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Amount paid to Treasurer,.....	\$417.25

The following report of the Treasurer we have examined, and find correct.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. WILLIAMS, Chairman.

# TREASURER'S REPORT:

Dr. C. V. Morris, Treasurer, in Account with Judson Association. Cr.

1859.

Oct. 17,	To am't rec'd from W. B. Lacy, Treasurer,...	\$52.14	Jan. 18,	By cash pd. J. B. Taylor, printing min...	\$40.00
"	" " " Finance Com.,.....	401.95	"	" " sent Bro. _____, for In-	
"	" " " for Indian Missions, as per min.	76.00	"	" " " Indian Missions,.....	76.00
"	" " " " Associational " do.	50.00	"	" " p'd order J. B. Taylor, Chair-	
"	" " " for Bible Distribution do.	4.99	"	" " man Ex. Com., to Bro. M.	
"	" " " " Ed. of Bro. Cumbie do.	16.00	"	" " Brooks, 1st quart. salary,....	150.00
"	" " " from Bro. H. J. Craddock, for		"	" " p'd order J. B. Taylor, Ch'n	
"	" " Indian Missions, .....	10.00	"	" " Ex. Com., to Bro. M. Brooks,	150.00
"	" " from Bro. H. J. Craddock, for	5.00	"	" " 2nd quarterly salary, .....	30.00
"	" " Education of Bro. Cumbie, ...		"	" " p'd Clerk's fees, .....	
"	" " by the hands of Bro. Burtshaw,		"	" " J. J. Tew, Sec. So. Pub. So.,	\$62.94
"	" " for Education Bro. Cumbie, ....	1.00	"	" " per bill, Bibles & Hymn Books,	61
"	" " from Bro. J. Pellum, .....	1.00	"	" " Exchange on Books, .....	4.58
"	" " " R. R. Phillips, .....	50	"	" " p'd freight and expenses on do.	
"	" " " Thos. Glenn, .....	2.50	"	" " Bal. due for Associational pur-	
"	" " " Bro. Taylor for Education of	2.00	"	" " poses, .....	\$70.46
"	" " Bro. Cumbie, from G. Smith, ...		"	" " Bal. due for Indian Missions, ..	10.00
		\$620.09	"	" " Education of Bro.	
			"	" " Cumbie, .....	25.50
					105.96
					\$620.09

Oct. 6, To am't bal. for Associational purposes, \$70.46  
 " " " Indian Missions, .. 10.00  
 " " " Educational, Bro. Cumbie 25.50

## Report of the Committee on Documents.

[F.]

The Committee on Documents respectfully report: That they find nothing in the letters from the churches calling for the attention of the body, except that Judson Church petitions that the next session of the Association be held with it.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. BRYAN, Chairman.

## Report of Committee on Nominations.

[G.]

We, the Committee, beg leave to make the following report: We recommend that Elder Z. Harris preach the next Introductory Sermon, and Wm. P. Bryan, his alternate. Elder C. Smith, to preach the Missionary Sermon, and Bro. E. Cody, his alternate. Elder J. B. Taylor, to preach the Educational Sermon, and Bro. Wm. M. Howell, his alternate. All of which is respectfully submitted.

JESSE POUNCEY, Chairman.



## Individual and Church Pledges for Home Mission.

### INDIVIDUAL PLEDGES.

Wm. H. Ward.....	\$5.00
Wm. M. Howell.....	10.00
D. B. Blewett.....	10.00
E. Cody.....	10.00
G. W. Williams.....	10.00
Thos. Blackman.....	10.00
Caleb Kirkland.....	10.00
H. Bullen.....	10.00
J. H. Metcalf, (paid,).....	10.00
J. B. Taylor, ( do. ).....	5.00
M. R. Howell.....	5.00
I. Mendheim.....	5.00
J. S. Parker.....	5.00
R. W. Davis.....	5.00
L. B. Brown.....	2.00
S. Wiggins, (paid,).....	1.00

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 \$113.00

### CHURCH PLEDGES.

Abbeville Church.....	\$15.00
Adoniram ".....	25.00
Darien ".....	5.00
Mt. Moriah ".....	2.50
Oaky Grove ".....	5.00
Providence ".....	5.00
Sardis ".....	5.00
Talbot ".....	5.00
Union ".....	10.00
Shorterville ".....	15.00
Pleasant Plains Church.....	5.00

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 \$97.50



## CORRESPONDING LETTER.

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NEWTON, ALA., October, 1860.

*The Judson Association to her sister Associations with whom she Corresponds:*

DEAR BRETHREN—In the overruling Providence of God, we have been permitted to hold our tenth annual session. The letters from the Churches represent the cause of Christ as prospering; and while, in general, the additions to the Churches, by baptism, are not as numerous as in past years, yet some have enjoyed gracious revivals.

We have had a pleasant and harmonious session, and were rejoiced to meet your Messengers, (though not a great many of them,) whose presence and labors cheered and aided us in our Master's cause. We have delegated our Brethren to meet with you in return.

Hoping we may meet large delegations from your bodies at our next session, we remain your affectionate fellow-laborers, in the cause of Christ.

By order of the Association.

E. CODY, Moderator.

E. BROOKS, Clerk.

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## NAMES OF MINISTERS.

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### Ordained Ministers.

S. HARGROVES,  
R. W. DAVIS,  
J. B. TAYLOR,  
ZACHARIAH NOLES,  
WM. M. HOWELL,  
CASWELL SMITH,  
SIMEON ARCHER,  
T. J. BATEN,  
R. DEAL,  
S. S. SCOTT,  
WM. P. BRYAN,  
JAMES TEW,  
DANIEL CUMBIE,  
WM. A. CUMBIE,  
A. L. MARTIN,  
E. CODY,  
A. D. WHITTLE,  
DEMPSEY WHIDDON.

### Licentiates.

JAMES POYNER,  
S. J. NOLES,  
MOSES BRACKEN.  
J. N. NOLES,  
THOS. J. DARMINY,  
BENJ. STEWART,  
EDMOND WHIDDON,  
JESSE POUNCY,  
WM. H. GRANBERRY,  
JAMES STUBBS,  
JOHN McCLENDON,  
AMANIAH STUBBS,  
J. H. METCALF.



## CHURCH DIRECTORY.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	PASTORS.	P. OFFICES.	CLERKS.	P. OFFICES.	TOTAL
Abbeville.	Henry.	.....	Abbeville.	M B Green.	Abbeville.	3 Sab
Adoniram.	Henry.	A. L. Martin.	"	G T Roberts.	"	2 "
Antioch.	Dale.	Wm. Lee.	Louisville.	J Pellum.	Skip'erville.	4 "
Beulah.	Henry.	S. Hargrove.	Bay Spring.	A Peacock.	Bay Spring.	4 "
Camp Spring.	Henry.	S. Hargrove*	"	A Hasty.	Columbia.	1 "
Clintonville.	Coffee.	W. M. Howell*	Daleville.	A McGehee.	Clintonville.	4 "
Columbia.	Henry.	J. B. Taylor*	Abbeville.	N F Oakley.	Columbia.	4 "
Concord.	Henry.	S. Hargrove.	Bay Spring.	A J Kirkland.	C. Bridge.	3 "
Daleville.	Dale.	C. Smith*.	Daleville.	L D Brooks.	Daleville.	4 "
Darlen.	Dale.	Z. Harris*.	Wood-shop.	B D Andrews.	Westville.	2 "
Ebenezer.	Henry.	.....	.....	W W Buie.	.....	1 "
Ebenezer.	Dale.	C. Smith*.	Daleville.	J M Guthrie.	Haw Ridge.	3 "
El-Bethel.	Coffee.	W. P. Bryan*	"	T J Darminy.	Geneva.	1 "
Haw Ridge.	Dale.	C. Smith.	"	J C Baton.	Haw Ridge.	3 "
Holly Spring.	Dale.	W. M. Howell.	"	David Sellers.	High Bluff.	2 "
Judson.	Henry.	E. Cody*.	Franklin.	C W Thomas.	Otho.	1 "
Mt. Pisgah.	Dale.	W A Cumble*.	Skip'erville.	L Deal.	Echo.	1 "
Mt. Moriah.	Dale.	D Cumble*.	"	D W Anderson.	Newton.	2 "
Newton.	Dale.	D Cumble.	"	A B Vinson.	"	4 "
Oaky Grove.	Henry.	A L Martin*.	Abbeville.	S Whiddon.	Abbeville.	1 "
Oak Bower.	Henry.	M Brooks*.	Elba.	S W J Ellis.	Open Pond.	4 "
Pleasant Grove.	Henry.	James Tew*.	Abbeville.	E Whiddon.	Abbeville.	3 "
Pleasant Ridge.	Dale.	D Cumble.	Skip'erville.	N R Phelps.	Skip'erville.	3 "
Pleasant Plains.	Henry.	Z Nowles*.	.....	A F Stanton.	.....	1 "
Providence.	Dale.	W P Bryan.	Daleville.	A Marlins.	Daleville.	3 "
Sardis.	Henry.	E Cody*.	Franklin.	E Mayo.	Abbeville.	2 "
Shiloh.	Barbour.	D Cumble.	Skip'erville.	L Wilkerson.	Clopton.	1 "
Shorterville.	Henry.	C Cody.	Franklin.	B G Fortsan.	Shorterville.	4 "
Spring Creek.	Dale.	.....	.....	Weatherington.	Geneva.	.....
Summer Hill.	Dale.	C Smith.	Daleville.	W W Hilliard.	Skip'erville.	2 "
Talbot.	Henry.	.....	.....	J J Satcher.	Flag Pond.	2 "
Union.	Dale.	W M Howell.	Daleville.	M G Matthews.	Ozark.	1 "

## NAMES OF CHURCHES AND DELEGATES.

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1} Abbeville,	{ Geo. W. Williams, I. Mendheim.
2} Adoniram,	{ P. D. Sanders, S. M. Fordham.
3} Antioch,	{ J. H. Metcalf.
4} Benlah,	{ R. W. Davis, Jas. Poyner.
5} Camp Spring,	{ Daniel P. Wells, Enoch Godfrey.
6} Clintonville,	{ A. McGhee, W. W. Flemming.
7} Columbia,	{ J. B. Taylor, D. B. Blewett, E. J. Hays.
8} Concord,	{ Z. Knowles, M. Bracken.
9} Daleville,	{ Wm. M. Howell, E. Brooks.
10} Darien,	{ C. Byrd, L. Byrd.
11} Ebenezer, Henry co.	{ A. Buie, W. W. Buie.
12} Ebenezer, Dale co.,	{ G. B. Clark.
13} El-Bethel,	{ John Lewis.
14} Haw Ridge,	{ S. T. Knight, T. J. Baton.
15} Holly Spring,	{ D. Sellers.
16} Judson,	{ E. Cedy, H. Gisendaner, J. Williams, Y. G. Malone.
17} Mt. Pisgah,	{ A. D. Whittle, W. B. Howell.
18} Mt. Moriah,	{ Henry Hellis, John Walden.
19} Newton,	{ Moses Jones, A. R. Rountree.
20} Oak Grove,	{ D. Whidden, J. Summerford.
21} Oak Bower,	{ Wm. F. Harrison, G. F. Mock.
22} Pleasant Grove,	{ Wm. H. Ward, Jas. Bird.
23} Pleasant Ridge,	{ L. B. Brown, J. C. Rhodes.
24} Pleasant Plains,	{ C. Kirkland, J. P. Odum.
25} Providence,	{ Wm. P. Bryan, Jesse Pouney.
26} Sardis,	{ L. Ballard, H. Davis.
27} Shiloh,	{ J. S. Wade, Levi Wilkerson.
28} Shorterville,	{ Benjamin Herndon, B. J. Fortsen, N. G. Peterman.
29} Spring Creek,	{ J. H. Weitherington.
30} Summerhill,	{ Wm. A. Cambie, W. W. Smith.
31} Talbot,	{ H. McMath, J. Grace, J. J. Satcher.
32} Union,	{ Z. Harris, J. R. Matthews.

## STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. 5.	CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Restored.	Dis. by Let.	Excom.	Deceased.	Total.	Missions.	Amount for	for Minutes.	Am't paid	Men's p'd.	Pledges of	Total.	Am't pledged
1	Abbeville .....	1	2	0	3	1	0	46	\$25 00	\$2 00	\$10 00	\$37 00	\$15 00	\$15 00	
2	Adoniram .....	10	5	0	3	2	0	117	25 00	2 00		27 00	25 00		
3	Antioch .....	7	16	1	9	4	1	145	7 00	2 00	10 00	19 00			
4	Beulah .....	25	17	6	0	1	0	91	10 00	1 50		11 50			
5	Camp Spring .....	11	5	0	5	2	1	69	5 00	1 00		6 00			
6	Clintonville .....	4	6	0	0	0	0	23		2 00		2 00			
7	Columbia .....	18	7	0	4	6	0	108	18 90	2 00		20 90			
8	Concord .....	18	8	2	2	1	0	56							
9	Daleville .....	3	5	0	5	1	1	72	5 00	1 50	10 00	16 50			
10	Darien .....	0	1	0	2	2	1	80		1 25		1 25		3 00	
11	Ebenezer, Henry co. ....	17	1	1	4	0	1	42		1 00		1 00			
12	Ebenezer, Dale co. ....	2	4	0	4	1	2	84	1 00	1 00		2 00			
13	El-Bethel .....	5	1	0	1	0	0	35	5 00	1 00		6 00			
14	Haw Ridge .....	5	7	0	5	0	0	75	9 50	2 00		11 50			
15	Holly Spring .....	1	1	0	1	0	1	20		1 00		1 00			
16	Judson .....	19	1	0	11	0	1	202	29 00	2 00		31 00			
17	Mt. Pisgah .....	0	5	0	22	1	0	93		2 55		2 55			
18	Mt. Moriah .....	6	2	0	0	3	0	41		1 00		1 00		2 50	
19	Newton .....	7	3	0	3	0	1	21		1 00		1 00			
20	Oaky Grove .....	11	4	0	3	2	1	93	5 00	1 50		6 50		3 00	
21	Oak Bower .....	11	5	0	1	0	0	26		1 00		1 00			
22	Pleasant Grove .....	11	7	0	2	0	0	27		50		50			
23	Pleasant Ridge .....	13	10	0	7	5	0	69		1 00		1 00			
24	Pleasant Plains .....	12	8	0	0	0	0	29		1 00		1 00		5 00	
25	Providence .....	5	1	0	3	0	0	48	10 00	50		10 50		5 00	
26	Sardis .....	2	0	0	2	0	1	36	5 00	1 00		6 00		5 00	
27	Shiloh .....	1	3	0	6	5	0	55	5 00	1 00		6 00			
28	Shorterville .....	17	14	0	0	0	0	38	18 25	2 00		20 25		15 00	
29	Spring Creek .....	0	4	0	8	2	2	27		1 00		1 00			
30	Summerhill .....	12	7	0	7	1	0	68	5 00	1 50		6 50			
31	Talbot .....	17	3	1	4	3	1	100	5 00	1 50		6 50			
32	Union .....	20	6	2	4	0	0	64		1 00		1 00		10 00	

## CONSTITUTION.

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ART. 1. This union shall be known and distinguished by the style and title of the Judson Baptist Association.

ART. 2. This Association shall be composed of representatives from the churches in union, in the following ratio: All churches composed of one hundred members and under, shall be allowed two messengers. Those having over one hundred and not more than one hundred and fifty members, three messengers. Those having over one hundred and fifty and not more than two hundred members, four messengers; and so in gradation,—one messenger for every fifty members, who shall be required to furnish satisfactory evidence of their appointment by their churches, before they take their seats.

ART. 3. The messengers, when convened, shall organize themselves into a deliberative body, by the election of a Moderator and Clerk. These officers shall be chosen by ballot at each annual meeting, and continue in office until new ones are elected.

ART. 4. The Association shall not interfere with the rights of the churches of which she is composed. She shall regard them as independent bodies in all matters of internal government, and shall only act as an advisory council, assuming no authority except what is expressly delegated to her by the churches, or evidently implied by the very nature of this compact. She nevertheless claims authority over her own members, the messengers of the churches, and in justice and propriety must have power to withdraw from, and disown all churches that depart from the principles of this compact, by becoming heterodox in faith, or disorderly in practice. She should therefore regard all the churches united under this constitution, with a vigilant eye for good. Her principal business shall be to promote the glory of God, by extending his kingdom of grace on earth, through the medium of preaching the gospel, and other means in accordance with that gospel. To cultivate union and fellowship with all the churches of Christ, and especially with those united in this Association.

ART. 5. Newly constituted churches, or churches dismissed from other associations of the same faith and order, may be admitted into this union on their sending up their messengers to an annual meeting with a petition, and by those messengers agreeing to the abstract of principles herewith published.

ART. 6. The churches of this union shall transmit to every annual session of the Association written communications, specifying the names of the messengers, number in fellowship—baptized—received by letter—dismissed—excluded—restored, and dead, since the last session; and all other information



which the churches may deem of importance, which shall be read, and minuted accordingly.

ART. 7. This Association shall have a fund, supplied by the voluntary contributions of the churches, and all moneys thus contributed, shall be transmitted from the churches, and paid over through the Committee on Finance, to the Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot, and hold his office during the pleasure of the Association. He shall receive and manage the funds according to the order of the Association, and present annually for insertion in the minutes, a clear and full statement of all receipts and expenditures.

ART. 8. This Association shall furnish the churches with the minutes of every session.

ART. 9. This Association shall not take cognizance of any query sent up from the churches, unless they have endeavored to solve the same and failed. Nor of any difficulties between churches, unless they have pursued the directions contained in the 18th chapter of Matt., and have not been able to settle them, then the Association shall take such matters into consideration, and act upon them at her discretion.

ART. 10. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of this Association, to keep a regular file of printed minutes of every session of this body, and deliver over the same to his successor in office.

ART. 11. This Association, when convened, shall be governed by proper rules of decorum, which she is authorized to form, and amend, according to her own views.

ART. 12. This constitution may be altered, or amended at a regular meeting of this body, by a concurring voice of two-thirds of the members present, provided such alteration or amendment be approved by a majority of the churches.

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## DECORUM.

1. Every query sent to the Association, by any church in this union, shall be read, and put to vote by the Moderator, whether it shall be debated or not, and if there be a majority for it, shall be taken up and investigated; but if not, it shall be withdrawn, *provided*, always, that those be first considered which affect the union of the churches.

2. Every motion made and seconded, shall come under the observation of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

3. Every person who speaks in debate, shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, and shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject in debate.

4. No person shall speak more than three times upon the same subject, without leave of the body.

5. No member shall abruptly break off or absent himself without leave of the body, and if he so does, he shall be marked as an absentee.

6. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called over as often as the body may require.

7. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking, as any other member, provided, the chair be filled, but he shall not vote except the body be equally divided.

8. It shall be the duty of the Clerk, to keep a regular record of the proceedings of the body.

9. The Minutes of the Association shall be read and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the body rises.

10. Amendments may be made to this form of government, <sup>2</sup>by two-thirds of the members in session.



# DECLARATION OF FAITH

OF THE

## JUDSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

**ARTICLE I. OF THE SCRIPTURES.**—We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction (1); that it has God for its author (2), salvation for its end (3), and truth without any mixture of error for its matter (4); that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us (5); and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the world, the true centre of Christian union (6), and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions should be tried (7).

(1) All Scripture is given by inspiration of God: and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.—2 TIM. III. 16, 17. (2) For the prophesy came not in old time by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.—2 PETER, I. 21. (3) These things are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that, believing, ye might have life through his name.—JOHN XX. 31.—(4) For the word of the Lord is right; and all his words are done in truth.—PSALMS XXXIII. 4.—(5) God shall judge the secrets of men, according to my Gospel.—ROM. II. 16. And the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.—REV. XX. 12.—(6) Though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other Gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.—GAL. I. 9.—(7) If any man preach any other Gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.—GAL. I. 10.

**ARTICLE II. OF THE TRUE GOD.**—That there is one, and only one, true and living God (1), whose name is JEHOVAH (2), the Maker and Supreme Ruler of heaven and earth (3); inexpressibly glorious in holiness; worthy of all confidence and love (4); revealed under the personal and relative distinctions of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection (5), and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption (6).

(1) God is one—GAL. III. 20.—(2) That men may know that thou, whose name is JEHOVAH, art the Most High over all the earth—PSALMS LXXXII. 18.—(3) For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible—COL. I. 16.—(4) Who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders—EX. XV. 11.—(5) For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one—1 JOHN V. 7. For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily—COL. II. 9. Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God—PHIL. II. 6.—(6) God sent his Son into the world, that the world through him might be saved—JOHN III. 17. Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures—COR. XV. 3. And was raised again for our justification—ROM. IV. 25. He ever liveth to make intercession for them—HEB. VII. 25. It is the Spirit that quickeneth—JOHN VI. 63.

**ARTICLE III. OF THE FALL OF MAN.**—That man was created in a state of holiness, under the law of his Maker (1), but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state; in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint but choice (2), being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, wholly given to the gratification

of the world, of Satan, and of their own sinful passions (3); and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defense and excuse (4).

(1) So God created man in his own image—GEN. I, 27. God made man upright—EC. VII, 29. (2) In Adam all die—1 COR. XV, 22. There is none righteous, no, not one—ROM. III, 10. Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do—JOHN VIII, 44. (3) He that believeth not is condemned already; because he hath not believed on the name of the only begotten Son of God—JOHN III, 18. Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction—2 THESS. I, 8. (4) And he was speechless—MAT. XXII, 12. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse—ROM. I, 20.

ARTICLE IV. OF THE WAY OF SALVATION.—That the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace (1), through the mediatorial offices of the Son of God (2), who took on him our nature, yet without sin (3); honored the law by his personal obedience, and made atonement for our sins by his death (4); being risen from the dead, he is now enthroned in heaven (5); and uniting in his wonderful person, the tenderest sympathies with divine perfections, is every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate, and an all-sufficient Savior (6).

(1) For by grace are ye saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God—EPIH. II, 8. (2) For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus—1 TIM. II, 5. (3) For as much as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also took part of the same—HEB. II, 14. And in him is no sin—1 JOHN III, 5. (4) The Lord is well pleased for his righteousness' sake: He will magnify the law and make it honorable—ISA. XLII, 21. We were reconciled to God by the death of his Son—ROM. V, 10. (5) But we see Jesus—crowned with glory and honor—HEB. II, 9. (6) For we have an high priest that can be touched with the feelings of our infirmities—HEB. IV, 15. For in him dwelleth the fullness of the Godhead bodily—COL. II, 9.

ARTICLE V. OF JUSTIFICATION.—That the great Gospel blessing, which Christ of his fullness bestows on such as believe in him, is Justification (1); that Justification consists in the pardon of sin and promise of eternal life, on principles of righteousness (2); that it is bestowed, not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through his own redemption and righteousness (3); that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity (4).

(1) Therefore being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ—ROM. V, 1. (2) Whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins—ACTS X, 30. He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life—JOHN III, 36. Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation, through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God—ROM. III, 25. (3) Not by works of righteousness, which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost—TITUS III, 5. (4) He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?—ROM. VIII, 32.

ARTICLE VI. OF THE FREENESS OF SALVATION.—That the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the Gospel (1); that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial and obedient faith (2); and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth, except his own voluntary refusal to submit to the Lord Jesus Christ (3); which refusal will subject him to an aggravated condemnation (4).

(1) Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is none else—ISA. XLV. 22. Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely—REV. XXII. 17. (2) Now he commandeth all men everywhere to repent—ACTS XVII. 30. (3) Ye will not come unto me that ye might have life—JOHN V. 40. (4) It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom, in the day of judgment, than for thee—MAT. XI, 24.

**ARTICLE VII. OF GRACE IN REGENERATION.**—That in order to be saved, we must be regenerated, or be born again (1); that Regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind, and is effected in a manner above our comprehension or calculation, by the power of the Holy Spirit, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the Gospel (2); and that its proper evidence is found in the holy fruit we bring forth to the glory of God (3).

(1) Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God: JOHN III. 3. (2) And be renewed in the spirit of your mind. And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness: EPH. IV. 23, 24. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth; so is every one that is born of the Spirit: JOHN III. 8. Every one that loveth, is born of God, and knoweth God: 1 JOHN IV. 7. If a man love me, he will keep my words: JOHN XIV. 23. (3) For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them: EPH. II. 10. We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not: 1 JOHN V. 18.

**ARTICLE VIII. OF GOD'S PURPOSE OF GRACE.**—That election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which he regenerates, sanctifies, and saves sinners (1); that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end (2); that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely wise, holy, and unchangeable; that it utterly excludes boasting, and promotes humility, prayer, praise, trust in God, and active imitation of his free mercy (3); that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree (4); that it is ascertained by its effects in all who believe the Gospel (5); is the foundation of Christian assurance (6); and that, to ascertain it with regard to ourselves, demands and deserves our utmost diligence (7).

(1) God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation, through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth: 2 THESS. II. 13. (2) Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sake, that they may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory: 2 TIM. II. 10. (3) According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy, and without blame before him in love: EPH. I. 4. (4) Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sake, that they may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory: 2 TIM. II. 10. (5) And they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful: REV. XVII. 14. (6) Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth?—ROM. VIII. 33, 34. (7) Wherefore the rather, brethren, give all diligence to make your calling and election sure: 2 PETER I. 10.

**ARTICLE IX. OF THE PERSEVERANCE OF THE SAINTS.**—That such only are real believers as endure unto the end (1); that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors (2); that a special Providence watches over their welfare; and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation (3).

(1) Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin because he is born of God. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: 1 JOHN III. 9, 10. (2) They went out from us, but they were not of us: 1 JOHN II. 19. (3) God is faithful who will not suffer you to be



tempted above that you are able ; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it : 1 COR. x. 13. Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time : 1 PETER i. 5.

ARTICLE X. HARMONY-OF THE LAW AND GOSPEL.—That the law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of his moral government (1); that it is holy, just, and good (2); that the inability which the Scriptures ascribe to fallen men to fulfill its precepts, arises entirely from their love of sin; to deliver them from which, and to restore them, through a Mediator, to unfeigned obedience to the holy law, is one great end of the Gospel, and of the means of grace connected with the establishment of a visible Church (3).

(1) Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled : MAT. v. 18. (2) Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good : ROM. vi. 12. (3) That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit : ROM. iii. 31.

ARTICLE XI. OF A GOSPEL CHURCH.—That a visible Church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ (1); governed by his laws, and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges, invested in them by his word (2); that its only proper officers are bishops or pastors, and deacons, whose qualification, claims, and duties are defined in the Epistles to Timothy and Titus (3).

(1) Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, to all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints : ROM. i. 7. Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death : ROM. vi. 3. Paul, an apostle unto the Churches of Galatia : GAL. i. 1, 2. For ye are the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Jesus Christ, have put on Christ : GAL. iii. 26, 27. (2) Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administration, but the same Lord : 1 COR. xii. 4, 5. (3) A Bishop, then must be blameless : 1 TIM. iii. 1, 7. Likewise must the Deacons be grave : 1 TIM. iii. 8, 9, 10 : see also TITUS i. 7, 8, 9. Let the Elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in word and doctrine : and, the laborer is worthy of his reward. Against an Elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses : 1 TIM. 17, 18, 19.

ARTICLE XII. OF BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER.—That Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water, in the name of the Father, Son, and Spirit (1), to show forth, in a solemn and beautiful emblem, our faith in a crucified and risen Savior, with its purifying power (2); that it is a prerequisite to the privileges of a Church relation; and to the Lord's Supper (3), in which the members of the Church, by the use of bread and wine, are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ; preceded always by solemn self-examination (4).

(1) See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, if thou believest with all thy heart, thou mayest; and he said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the son of God. And they went down into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him : ACTS viii. 36, 37, 38. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost : MAT. xxviii. 19. (2) Buried with him in Baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him, through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead : COL. ii. 12. (3) Except a man be born of water, and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God : JOHN iii. 5. Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it and gave it to the disciples. And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread : ACTS ix. 7. For as oft as ye eat this bread, and drink this

cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come : COR. XI, 35. (4) But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup—verse 28.

ARTICLE XIII. OF THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH.—That the first day of the week is the Lord's Day, or Christian Sabbath (1), and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes, by abstaining from all secular labor and recreations (2); by the devout observance of all the means of grace, both private and public (3); and by preparation for that rest which remaineth for the people of God (4).

(1) I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day : ROM. I, 10. (2) Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy : EX. XX, 8. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day : wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it—verse 11. (3) Upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow : ACTS XX, 7. (4) There remaineth, therefore, a rest to the people of God : HEB. IV, 9. Let us labor, therefore to enter into that rest—verse 11.

ARTICLE XIV. OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT.—That civil government is of Divine appointment, for the interest and good order of human society (1); and that magistrates are to be prayed for (2), conscientiously honored and obeyed (3), except in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ [4], who is the only Lord of the conscience, and Prince of the kings of the earth [5].

[1] For there is no power but God : the powers that be are ordained of God : ROM. XIII, 1. For he is the minister of God to thee for good—verse 4. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil—verse 3. [2] I exhort thee, therefore, that first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men : for kings and for all that are in authority : 1 TIM. II, 1, 2. [3] Wherefore, ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience's sake : ROM. XIII, 5. [4] We ought to obey God rather than men : ACTS V, 29. [5] Christ is the blest and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords : 1 TIM. VI, 15.

ARTICLE XV. OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED.—That there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked [1]; that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the Spirit of God, are truly righteous in his esteem [2], while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief, are in his sight wicked, and under the curse [3]; and this distinction holds among men both in and after death [4].

[1] He that is not with me is against me : LUKE XI, 23. Now, if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his : ROM. VIII, 9. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil : whosoever doeth not righteousness, is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother : 1 JOHN III, 10. [2] To declare, I say, at this time, his righteousness : that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus : ROM. III, 26. But ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God : 1 COR. VI, 11. [3] Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish : LUKE XIII, 3. He that believeth not is condemned already : JOHN III, 18. [4] He that is unjust, let him be unjust still ; and he that is filthy, let him be filthy still ; and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still ; and he that is holy, let him be holy still : REV. XXII, 11.

ARTICLE XVI. OF THE WORLD TO COME.—That the end of this world is approaching [1]; that at the last day Christ will descend from heaven, and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution [2]; that a solemn separation will then take place [3]; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment, and the righteous to endless joy [4]; and that this judgment

will fix forever the final state of men in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness [5].

[1] But the end of all things is at hand ; be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer : 1 PETER IV, 7. [2] For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God ; and the dead in Christ shall rise first : 1 THESS. IV, 6. All that are in their graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth : they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life ; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation : JOHN V, 28, 29. [3] And before him shall be gathered together all nations ; and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth the sheep from the goats : MAT. XXV, 32. [4] And these shall go away into everlasting punishment ; but the righteous into life eternal : MAT. XXV, 32. [5] And the sea gave up the dead which were in it ; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them ; and they were judged every man according to his works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire.— This is the second death : REV. XX, 13, 14. SHALL NOT THE JUDGE OF ALL THE EARTH DO RIGHT ?—GEN. XVIII, 25.



